

MEETING MINUTES

Nairobi, Kenya

21 September 2012

Chair: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

Participants: Logistics Cluster, DRC, Future for the African Woman, INTERSOS, Mercy USA, MERLIN, Oxfam GB, Relief International, Save the Children, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP, World Concern

Action Points:

- The Logistics Cluster will send an email to participants for Partner Consultations on the future role of the Cluster in Somalia.
- Participants are requested to send their Logistics Project Proposals (if any) to the Logistics Cluster for review and potential submission into the CAP 2013 - 2015.

Agenda:

1. Follow up on previous Action Points
2. Situation Update
 - General/Security/Access
3. Strategic Consultations for Logistics Cluster activities moving forward
4. Coordination Activities
 - Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2013 - 2015
5. Logistics Cluster Services Evaluation (September 2011 to July 2012)
 - User Survey Results
 - Shipping Workshop
6. WFP Bilateral Shipping Services Update
7. AOB

Follow-up on previous Action Points

- **Action Point:** Interested participants can contact the Logistics Cluster for inclusion in the OCHA Gender Marker Training in Nairobi, scheduled for 03 September – **Done**. The Gender Marker Training was attended by the Logistics Cluster. A further training by OCHA is tentatively planned for 03 October. Interested organisations should contact the Logistics Cluster.

Situation Update

General

- Thus far, during the month of September, UNHCR figures show that approximately 14,100 persons were displaced in Somalia (160% increase since the previous week). Major reasons for displacements have been insecurity and cross-border movements.

Security

- Participants discussed the current security situation in Somalia.

Ports and Road Access

- An updated Physical Road Network Conditions Map is available at: www.logcluster.org/ops/som11a
- Bossaso Port is congested this week. Berthing continues to be on a first come first served basis, although livestock and cement cargo vessels are given priority.
- Mogadishu Port is congested at present, with six vessels at berth. Humanitarian vessels receive priority berthing. Strong South-West winds are continuing.
- Mombasa Port's bulk and general terminals are currently congested. Two vessels are currently waiting to berth at the bulk terminal. Six additional vessels are due in the next two weeks. There is one waiting vessel at the general terminal, where the average waiting time is one day. Berthing at the container terminal is immediate.
- Djibouti Port is not congested. However, there is currently a shortage of trucks at the port, affecting onward transport of cargo.
- Dar Es Salaam Port is facing congestion at the general and container terminals. Five vessels are currently at the general terminal, with two large vessels at the container terminal (covering three berths). 18 vessels are currently outside the port, waiting to berth. Humanitarian vessels and car-

carriers continue to be given berthing priority. Delivery of a quay crane to the container terminal was completed last week. Nine additional vessels are expected at the port in the coming week.

Strategic Consultations for Logistics Cluster activities moving forward

- The Logistics Cluster explained the current strategy of phasing down activities, in order to deactivate the Logistics Cluster by 31 December 2012.
- The Logistics Cluster opened the floor to comments from participants, including whether there was interest in continuing Logistics Cluster activities.
- Participants felt that the Logistics Cluster should continue, as it is currently the only logistics forum in Nairobi for organisations based in Somalia. Since most organisations are working remotely during this response, this coordination is crucial for logistics activities.
- Partners also expressed that while the famine had ended, there were still large populations in crisis, and within pockets of Somalia, emergencies still continued on a daily basis. It was also felt that it had taken substantial time and effort to build the current network and information flow, therefore ending it and re-starting it later would take time in case of increased needs in Somalia. Regular logistics information, both via coordination, as well as through information products (especially mapping) is still required. With elections in Kenya scheduled for March 2013, it will be important to have forums in place to respond to potential instability in the region.
- Participants mentioned that with new areas opening up, there will be a need to fill logistics gaps in newly accessible locations.
- **The Logistics Cluster will send a separate email for partner consultations in light of this.**

Coordination Activities

Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) 2013 – 2015

- The Logistics Cluster reminded participants that there will now be a 3-year CAP for Somalia, with the aim of supporting populations in humanitarian emergency, crisis and stress; including life-saving assistance, access to basic social services and livelihoods, provision of safety-nets and resilience-building programmes. Organisations can submit 1, 2, or 3-year projects.
- Participants were requested to send their Logistics Project Proposals (if any) to the Logistics Cluster for review and potential submission to the CAP.
- Major Deadlines:
 - 21 September - Cluster Response Plan (For Logistics Cluster, Operational Response Plan for transport/deployment to newly accessible areas)
 - 25 September – Inter-Cluster Response Plan Review
 - 03 October – Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) - Cluster - Donor Workshop - Review 3-year plan
 - 11 November - Project Formulation & Upload

Logistics Cluster Services Evaluation

Common Services Survey for Lessons Learned - Shipping

- The Common Services Survey has been completed by participants, as well as Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents. 20 organisations responded to the survey (14 humanitarian organisations, six C&F agents). The Logistics Cluster presented the cargo statistics for the shipping service (September 2011 to July 2012), and key findings to participants. A Lessons Learned document is also being prepared.
- Some of the key recommendations from the survey responses included: cargo consolidation to accompany common shipping services in the port of loading and common storage at the various ports of discharge.

Shipping Workshop

- The Logistics Cluster visited Mombasa Port from 17 to 18 September in order to coordinate cargo consolidation for the upcoming WFP bilateral cost-recovery voyage to Somalia. The Logistics Cluster also assessed facilities and key personnel availability as part of the planning for a shipping workshop.
- The Shipping Workshop in Mombasa is tentatively scheduled for mid-October 2012. Six humanitarian organisations have expressed interest in participating so far. A Draft Agenda with topics to be covered is being developed. Topics will include customs clearance, cargo packaging, and loading/discharge.

WFP Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping Service

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the transport of Shelter Items, Food, and medicines to Somalia by

sea, on behalf of seven humanitarian organizations. This will be via the second voyage under the Bilateral Cost-Recovery Shipping service offered by WFP, scheduled for the second half of September. Service Request Forms (SRFs) with an approximate tonnage of 140 mt (over 530 m³) have been received. The vessel arrived at Mombasa Port on 15 September. Due to port congestion, shortage of labour, and intermittent showers, the loading date has been delayed to 21 September. For further information concerning this service, organisations may contact the WFP Somalia Shipping Officer at: somalia.cargobooking@wfp.org

- [Update: The vessel departed from Mombasa on 25 September, and arrived in Mogadishu on 26 September. It is expected to take 1-2 days before berthing]

AOB

Storage

- 5 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) remain available in Mogadishu to organizations for use in Somalia on a lease basis, free of charge. The organisations leasing the MSUs will be responsible for transporting the MSUs to their final destinations, and installing and managing the units themselves. Interested organisations should contact the Logistics Cluster directly.

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